

# weekend worship

June 6, 2010

**sundays**

9:30 am  
11 am  
6:30 pm

**sunday Bible study**

8:20 am  
9:30 am  
10:45 am  
5:15 pm

**sunday kids' worship**

9:30 am  
11 am  
6:30 pm



HOUSTON'S FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

# JOSEPH

COMPLICATED LIFE. FAITHFUL GOD.

## FITNESS & RECREATION



Jun 1-Aug 20

Give your kids a vacation from routine life! Our summer day camp for completed K-7th grades includes field trips, arts, sports, Bible study and MUCH more. Come for a day, a week or all summer!  
**VISIT** [HoustonsFirst.org/Daycation](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Daycation) for details and to register. **CONTACT** [dave.bundrick@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:dave.bundrick@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.6700.

## WEEKLY SUMMARY

### ATTENDANCE, MAY 30, 2010

Sunday Bible Study	3,013
Mission Bible Study	981
Weekday Bible Study	262
<b>Total Bible Study</b>	<b>4,256</b>
Wednesday Evening	284

### GIVING, WEEK ENDING MAY 30, 2010

Tithes & Offering	\$246,132
Weekly Requirements	\$293,142
Over/(Under)	(\$47,010)
Designated Gifts	\$37,494
Over/(Under) for May	\$41,768
Over/(Under) Fiscal YTD	\$435,504

## CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



### WEEK ENDING MAY 30, 2010

Total Pledged	\$25,433,130
Donations Received	\$54,403
<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$17,530,392</b>

## DECISIONS MAY 30, 2010

### SALVATION IN CHRIST

Marguerite Smith

### BAPTIZED

Gary Ferguson                      Joanna Franks  
Melissa Ferguson                  Peter Lee  
David Franks

### FOR BAPTISM

Elizabeth Elliott                      Jodi Ulaforo  
Josie Lara

### FROM OTHER FELLOWSHIPS

Candice Corley                      Mina Johnson  
Kenny Corley                          Les Smith  
Martha Deem                          Ma Trejo  
Michael Frogge                      Faye Williams  
Michelle Frogge                      Wade Youngblood

## BIRTHS

Troy and Erin Hollister in the birth of their son, Micah Eugene Hollister

Matt and Lindy Kessner in the birth of their daughter, Ella Brooke Kessner  
Brother: Cade Kessner

Chris and Rachel Paxton in the birth of their son, Oliver Avery Paxton

Charles and Kimberli Kinard in the birth of their son, Caden Andrew Kinard

## SYMPATHIES

Family and Friends of Joe Terry

Lori Smith (Staff) in the death of her grandmother, Dorothy Beaver

Barbara Arlington in the death of her husband, Richard "Dick" Arlington

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Ministry info, news, events & more!



## campus directory & parking map



- A**
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|---------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Bookstore         | 2 Rehearsal Hall   |
| 1 Chapel            | 1 Rms 143 & 145    |
| 1 Connection Center | 3 Rms 330-336      |
| 1 Library           | 1 Welcome Center   |
| 1 Main Foyer        | 1 Worship Center   |
| 1 Reception Room    | 2 Worship Ministry |

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| 3 The Clubhouse      | 1 Rms 100-123         |
| 6 Counseling Center  | 2 Rms 200-221         |
| 1 FBA Primary School | 3 Rms 301-329         |
| 1 Pastoral Care      | 4 Children's Ministry |
| 2 Preschool Ministry | 5 Children's Ministry |

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| 1 First Baptist Academy | 1 Oasis Rm |
| 1 FBA Library           |            |

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| 1 Café                  | 2 Rms 249-265      |
| 1 Christian Life Center | 3 Rms 362-366      |
| 2 Crafts Rm             | 3 Student Ministry |
| 1 Fellowship Center     | 1 Harbor Rm        |
| 2 Fitness Center        | 1 Welcome Center   |
| 1 Garden Rm             |                    |

● Welcome Centers \*Numbers next to location indicate floor



## PROPOSED CHURCH BUDGET

The church applies undesignated tithes and offerings toward the Great Commission Fund (operating budget), which is voted on by the church body every year. The Finance Committee of the church meets on a monthly basis to review the church's financials. A summary of the church's monthly financials is presented to the Deacons and the church body at the monthly church conference. For the fiscal year beginning July 2010 and ending June 2011, the church's operating budget has been set at \$17,249,000.

A listing of ministries and departments under each of the categories can be found at [HoustonsFirst.org/Financial](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Financial). This operating budget will be presented for approval at the monthly church conference today at 4:45 pm in the Chapel. Everyone is invited to attend, but only members of the church may cast a vote. The allocations amongst ministries and areas of operation are as follows:



- Missions - \$2,149,080
- FBA Support - \$547,000
- Ministries - \$2,639,406
- Pastoral - \$1,050,978
- Worship & Production - \$1,102,224
- Administration - \$3,940,803
- Communications - \$647,877
- Operations - \$3,949,596
- Capital Improvements/Debt Service - \$1,222,038

## HOW CAN WE HELP?

### PRAYER

We will pray for these requests for two weeks unless notified or updated. Feel free to leave requests on our 24-hour prayer line at 713.335.6456 or [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org).

( ) Add this request to the church's public prayer database.

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### PASTORAL CARE

Are you experiencing grief, loneliness, illness, job loss or other life difficulties? The Pastoral Care Ministry provides free and confidential help through the Stephen Ministry. Call 713.957.6762 for assistance, or indicate your interests below:

- ( ) I would like a Stephen Minister to call me.
- ( ) I am interested in serving as a Stephen Minister.

Don't forget the "Get Connected" section on the other side!

GET CONNECTED (turn over)



pastor gregg matte

**DEAR CHURCH FAMILY & GUESTS,**

Today, we begin our final message series from the book of Genesis. Since January, we've studied the incredible lives of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Now, we turn our attention to another man with a fascinating story – Joseph. Like his ancestors, Joseph's story is filled with lessons that are relevant to us today. I look forward to exploring this

complicated life – and our faithful God – in the weeks ahead as we gather our hearts each week.

I invite you to come forward at the conclusion of the worship service, especially if you're a first time guest. Staff members are available to talk with you about becoming a Christian, being baptized, or joining our church – a relevant biblical community!

In Him, *Pastor Gregg Matte*

**HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?**

Share your requests the following ways and we'll add them to our online prayer database!

- Click "Find Help" at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org)
- Text "PRAYFIRST [your name and requests]" to 41411
- Call our Prayerline at 713.335.6456
- Complete the attached "How Can We Help?" card
- Visit the Prayer, Missions & Connection Center

**Creating a worshipful environment.** Worship requires our full attention. We ask that you: >> not bring food or drinks in the Worship Center >> silence cell phones >> use the restroom before the service (take your children, too!) >> remain seated once our time of Bible study begins. If you must leave during the service, you may either: reenter through the rear doors and find a new seat in the back or watch the remainder of the service on a monitor in the Main Foyer. At the end of the worship service, people will be invited to accept Christ or join the church. Please remain in the Worship Center during this time. Pastor Gregg and other worshipers will appreciate your thoughtfulness.



**LATEST NEWS & UPDATES**

**NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBER ORIENTATION**

Whether you've recently joined or just visited Houston's First, come learn what it means to be a part of a relevant biblical community on Sun, Jun 13! Choose lunch at noon or light snacks at 5 pm. **REGISTER** at [HoustonsFirst.org](http://HoustonsFirst.org). **CONTACT** [malcolm.marshall@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:malcolm.marshall@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.335.6453.


**DEACON MEETING**

The Deacon Administrative Committee meets today at 2:30 pm in Rm 143. The entire Deacon body will meet at 3:30 pm in the Chapel.

**CHURCH CONFERENCE**

This monthly gathering meets today at 4:30 pm in the Chapel. The meeting covers church financial and membership reports, as well as other information. Today, we will vote on the proposed Great Commission Fund (operating budget) for 2010-11. Anybody may attend, but only HFBC members may vote.

**THANK YOU, JOAN BRUNSON!**  
 Joan Brunson is retiring from the Worship Ministry staff, including nearly 52 years as the church's pianist. We thank her for her faithful service to God's kingdom through Houston's First!



**GATHER our hearts >**

**CHILDREN**

**1ST & 2ND GRADE FAMILY FUN DAY**

**Sat, Jun 19 @ 9:30 am-2 pm - Hunt Retreat, TX**  
 1st & 2nd graders, bring your family for a day at Hunt Retreat. Wear your swimsuits and be prepared to get messy! Guaranteed fun for the whole family. **COST** Free! **REGISTER** [HoustonsFirst.org/ChildrensEvents](http://HoustonsFirst.org/ChildrensEvents). **CONTACT** [angie.savage@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:angie.savage@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7621.

**CHILDREN**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Jun 28 – Jul 2 @ 9 am-12:30 pm – Houston's First**  
 Parents – saddle up your youngins' (children entering Kindergarten – completed 5th grade) for a week at "Saddle Ridge Ranch" where they'll round up questions and drive home answers found in God's Word. Ranch activities include Bible study, crafts, missions, music, recreation, and snacks. You won't want to miss this rodeo! **CONTACT** [laura.wallace@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:laura.wallace@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7611. **COST** Free! **REGISTER** [HoustonsFirst.org/VBS](http://HoustonsFirst.org/VBS).

**CHILDREN & STUDENTS**

**CAMP 456**

**Jun 11-14 – Carolina Creek Christian Camp, Huntsville, TX**  
 All current 4th, 5th & 6th graders are invited to a weekend at camp discovering God's direction for you. Don't miss this fast sliding, high flying adventure including games, swimming and canoeing, a rock wall, a 1,000 ft zip line and more! Speakers include Zac Hufty and Chad Overton with worship led by the Andy Rhea Band. **COST** \$300. **REGISTER** at [HoustonsFirst.org/Camp456](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Camp456). **CONTACT** [angie.savage@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:angie.savage@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7621.

**HUB STUDENT MINISTRY**

**6th GRADE – ONE DAY PROJECTS**

**Mon, Jun 7 @ 10 am-2 pm**  
 Calling all 6th graders! Join together and serve side-by-side with your friends this summer on the first of 4 different trips in our community. **COST** \$75 for all 4 trips including lunch and transportation. **CONTACT** [susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7631.

**SUMMER RUSH GAME NIGHT**

**Wed, Jun 9 @ 6:30-8:30 pm**  
 Middle School and High School youth – come out to a game night at Dave & Busters at the Marq\*E! **COST** \$20 helps fund RUSH Week. **CONTACT** [susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:susan.newman@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7631.

**SUMMIT MINISTRIES**

**SINGLE PARENT FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION**

**Sun, Jun 20 @ Noon – CLC (gym)**  
 Single parents and their families are invited to celebrate Dad with an afternoon of food, fellowship, and recreation. **COST** Free! **REGISTER** [HoustonsFirst.org/SPF](http://HoustonsFirst.org/SPF). **CONTACT** [holly.crain@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:holly.crain@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7671.

**GROW our souls >>**

**CHURCHWIDE**

**SUNDAY BIBLE STUDIES**

Each week, thousands of people go deeper into God's Word in Sunday Bible studies, and experience community along the way. Stop by the Welcome Center for help finding a Bible study that's right for you, or visit [HoustonsFirst.org/BibleStudies](http://HoustonsFirst.org/BibleStudies). As part of the Be A Part Of The Story capital campaign, renovation of Preschool and Children's areas begins soon! Therefore, some classes have been reassigned to new rooms beginning today:

- **Newly Wed or Close** moves to Fellowship Ctr C&D @ 9:30 am
- **Compelled by Love** moves to Rm 249 @ 8:20 am
- **The Difference** moves to Rm 249 @ 9:30 am
- **Kingdom Service 1** moves to Rm 259 @ 9:30 am
- **Kingdom Service 2** moves to Rm 259 @ 8:20 am

**HIGHPOINT BIBLE STUDY**

**Wed, Jun 9 @ 11:30 am – 1010 Lamar (lower level)**  
 Dr. David Self will speak at this week's downtown Bible study. Lunch begins at 11:30 am for \$8, and Bible study takes place from 12:10-12:40 pm. **CONTACT** [diane.bagby@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:diane.bagby@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.6781.

**SUMMER BIBLE STUDY**

**Every Wed, Jun 2-Aug 18 @ 7-8 pm – Oasis Rm**  
 Stay connected this summer with a mid-week Bible study on the Gospel of Luke led by Steve Knox. This Bible study is open to all ages. **CONTACT** [steve.knox@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:steve.knox@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.5886.

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

**SUMMER LOVIN'**

**Every Tue, Jun 8-22 @ 9:30-11:30 am – Fellowship Ctr**  
 Women of all generations will enjoy small group discussions about "Lovin' Your Family" (Leigh Kohler), "Lovin' Your Life" (Lisa Taylor) and "Lovin' Your God" (Ashley Brown) with worship led by Star Smith. **REGISTER** for each session and for childcare at [HoustonsFirst.org/SummerLovin](http://HoustonsFirst.org/SummerLovin). **CONTACT** [carolyn.oneal@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:carolyn.oneal@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.7640.

**LEGACY685**

**INFERTILITY CLASSES**

Following Pastor Gregg's message on infertility on May 23, Legacy685, the adoption and orphan care ministry, offers the following classes. **CONTACT** Steve & Mary Klein, [Legacy685@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:Legacy685@HoustonsFirst.org), 281.246.9904. **VISIT** [HoustonsFirst.org/Infertility](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Infertility).

**• Testimonies of Infertility & Adoption**

**Today @ 5-6:20 pm – Connection Ctr**  
 Couples will share their journey through infertility and how God led them to begin exploring adoption. There will also be a Q&A time.

**• Infertility From a Man's Perspective (for men only)**

**Wed, Jun 9 @ 6:30-8 pm – Rm 145**  
 Three men will share their journey through infertility, discussing its impact on their lives and how God has given them hope and encouragement. Pizza available for \$5.

**GIVE our lives >>>**

**MISSIONS**

**MISSION TRIPS**

Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/MissionTrips](http://HoustonsFirst.org/MissionTrips) to learn about these opportunities to give your life on the mission field:

- Cuba – Univida (July 17-25)
- Galveston – Family Mission Trip (Jul 30)
- Cuba – Oasis (Jul 24-31)

- Boston, MA (Jul 26-Aug 2)
- Brazil (Aug 6-15)
- Russia – Orphanage (Oct 6-15)
- Honduras – Living Water (Oct 16-23)

**REGISTER FOR HOUSTON PROJECT**

Registration is open for the Houston Project, Jul 11-15. This is our missionary journey to OUR city as Houston's First members share the love of Christ in 13 locations across Houston. Ministries include Vacation Bible School, Youth Events, Adult Ministry, Food Distribution, Sports Ministry, Evangelism, and Prayer. **REGISTER** at [HoustonsFirst.org/HoustonProject](http://HoustonsFirst.org/HoustonProject) or stop by the Main Foyer today. **CONTACT** [becky.parker@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:becky.parker@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.5866.

**FITNESS & RECREATION**

**BLOOD DRIVE**

**Jun 13 @ 8 am-2 pm – Outside CLC**  
 The Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center will host a blood drive located outside the CLC entrance. Give the gift of life and donate blood today! **CONTACT** [debbie.brown@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:debbie.brown@HoustonsFirst.org), 713.957.6701.

**VOLUNTEER**

Visit [HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Volunteer) for details about the following opportunities and other ways you can serve.

**HIGHPOINT HELPERS - Executive Pastor**

**CONTACT** [diane.bagby@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:diane.bagby@HoustonsFirst.org); 713.957.6781

**KIDS PRAISE HIM TEAM - Children's Ministry**

**CONTACT** [chad.overton@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:chad.overton@HoustonsFirst.org); 713.957.7625

**HOUSTON PROJECT TEAM - Missions**

**CONTACT** [becky.parker@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:becky.parker@HoustonsFirst.org); 713.957.5866

**GRIEF SHARE SUPPORT - Pastoral Care**

**CONTACT** [kelly.laughlin@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:kelly.laughlin@HoustonsFirst.org); 713.957.6762

**WRITERS AND EDITORS - Creative Services**

**CONTACT** [steven.murray@HoustonsFirst.org](mailto:steven.murray@HoustonsFirst.org); 713.957.5890

**GET CONNECTED** Complete and place in the offering plate or in a collection box by a Worship Center exit.

I am a first time guest today.  
 Send me info about Sunday Bible Studies, salvation, baptism, membership, ministries, or:

Check all that apply:  
 College student (school): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Single \_\_\_\_\_  
 Single parent \_\_\_\_\_  
 Engaged (france): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Married (since date): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Widowed \_\_\_\_\_  
 Veteran (branch): \_\_\_\_\_

**CONTACT INFORMATION**  Check if this is a change of address.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Children living at home: \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_



Remember to pray for the thousands of names written on the floor of the Worship Center. Share and read stories of God's faithfulness at [HoustonsFirst.org/Prayer](http://HoustonsFirst.org/Prayer).